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ST. HELENS, OREGON, FEB. 1.

The bill introduced into the legislature providing for the payment of taxes in two installments should, we believe, become a law.

The populists insist that they made gains in the last election, and yet when they look at the dump they can see every one of the extraordinary collection of political freaks that were once entitled to be called governor.

The trouble between Mexico and Guatemala is rapidly growing, and the former country has already begun to prepare for war. In the event of war between these two countries so near home this country could find an unexpected market for its staple products.

The senatorial deadlocks in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho at the present time prove conclusively what a blessing it would be if United States senators were elected by direct vote of the people. Indeed the American people are fully competent to elect all their servants.

The Oregonian says "the houses compelled the Malinoma members of the legislature to agree to support Dolph before they could be nominated, last spring." This is no credit to the houses and a disgrace to the county in which such bribes are permitted to thus conduct such affairs.

In the state senate Brownell, of Clackamas, introduced a bill, which, in our opinion, should become a law. It provides that the legal rate of interest in this state shall be 6 per cent. The bill should go a little further, and provide that any evidence of a bonus being received, either directly or indirectly, should make a note null and void. Such a law, we believe, would put a stop to this money-grabbing bonus business.

REPRESENTATIVE CLETON has introduced a resolution in the house providing a special committee to investigate the affairs of the state land office. The resolution was adopted and Mr. Cleton made chairman of the committee. We are not cognizant of any crookedness in the state land office, but to give it an overhauling will do no harm, and at the same time satisfy a great number of people who have been dissatisfied with the management of that office for a long time.

SENATOR MCGINN's bill concerning salaries of state officers fixes salaries as follows: Governor, \$5000; judges of the supreme court, \$4000; secretary of state, \$4000; treasurer, \$4000; printer, \$3500; school superintendent, \$1800; reporter of the supreme court, \$1000; clerk of the supreme court, \$800. All fees are to go into the salary fund, out of which the salaries are to be paid. Appropriating fees to one's own use, or failing to keep a fee-book as provided, is punishable with \$500 fine, or six months' imprisonment, or both, and forfeiture of office.

THE Nicaragua canal bill passed the senate Saturday, only one member from Oregon, Hon. John H. Mitchell, voting for it. Mr. Dolph, although drawing \$20 a day from the public treasury, was in Salem trying to get re-elected to a position that the people of the state do not seem to want him to hold. The construction of the Nicaragua canal will be worth millions of dollars to the Pacific coast, and it is just such measures as that which senators are paid to look after. Dolph lost supporters when he left his post of duty and returned to Oregon to influence a senatorial election.—Roseburg Review.

### THE SENATORIAL DEADLOCK.

The senatorial deadlock at Salem has been on for nine days with no visible prospect for a change at the present writing. Dolph had forty-four votes, or two less than enough to elect, on the first joint ballot, which number he held for two days, when two of his supporters went over to the opposition, claiming they had discharged their obligation to the caucus. The forty-two remained solid until Wednesday of this week when Cooper of Benton, who had previously changed from Dolph to Hermann went back to the former and the same day Davis of Umatilla, who had stood by Dolph all along, changed his vote to Lowell, still leaving forty-two. The opposition claim that unfair means and misrepresentation was used in getting together and holding the caucus and they do not propose to be bound by such action. To this the Dolph forces make no attempt to deny or explain, hence it is generally conceded that the charges made against the caucus are well founded. When the roll is called the members rise and explain their votes and give their reasons for opposing caucus together with the methods used and in many instances giving the names of the persons using such methods, which also have not been refuted. Representative Cleton who opposed Dolph in the caucus has voted for him ever since, notwithstanding the fact that a petition was sent him signed by nearly every republican in this city requesting him to vote for Judge Moore of this county who had the combined strength of the opposition. The gentleman can, no doubt, explain his position satisfactorily, but up to date no reply to the petition has been received by the senders. Petitions have been sent a number of the members both in support of and against Mr. Dolph, and in most instances the wishes of the petitioners have been complied with by their respective representatives. It is to be hoped the deadlock will soon be broken, so that the legislature can settle down to the routine business of the session.

### THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

The Nicaragua canal bill passed the senate of the United States last Friday by a vote of 31 to 21. The bill provides for the issuance of \$70,000,000 in Nicaragua canal bonds, each accompanied by the following guarantee: "The United States of America guarantees to the lawful holder of this bond the payment by the Maritime Canal Company, of Nicaragua, of the principal of said bonds and the interest accruing thereon, and as it accrues." An additional \$30,000,000 of bonds is to be issued without the United States guarantee. The total of \$100,000,000 thus issued is to be used in constructing the interoceanic canal. The secretary of the treasury is to have general supervision of the project. A board of 15 directors is to have immediate charge of the work. The United States is to receive \$70,000,000 of the canal company's stock, in return for guaranteeing the bonds, and is to hold a mortgage lien on all property of the canal company.

The bill also provides that only the goods and materials of American production shall be used in construction, and that the work should not be done by corporations, in which stockholders of the canal are interested. There was an amendment offered by Palmer, and agreed upon, giving the president power to reappoint and retire directors of the canal company. The bill is now before the house, where, it is hoped, will soon be placed upon its final passage.

To the Pacific coast this will be good news, since it has long been conceded that the Nicaragua canal cannot fail to stimulate business in every way, and more especially in the wheat and lumber trade. It shortens the distance from this coast to Europe 6000 miles, or nearly one-half, which means that the freight rate will be greatly diminished on cargoes of wheat and lumber as well as all other cargoes of export to Europe. It is estimated that a reduction will be had of \$2.50 per ton on wheat from Oregon, Washington, and California. This in itself, when one figures the thousands of tons of wheat shipped annually from these three states, is no small item. It is true, it will take some years to complete the work, but in the meantime the production of cereals and the development of our resources will be encouraged, so that by the time the canal is open for traffic this coast will be prepared to do business on a larger scale.

The passage of this bill by the senate is probably the most encouraging news received on the Pacific coast for a long time, and should it pass the house it will greatly stimulate business throughout the country.

"THE ST. HELENS MIST does not believe in Representative Yates' bill to straighten up Washington county's north boundary line and put a few sections in the political division nature intended them to be in. Residents of those sections, by the nature of the country, are compelled to come nearly to the county seat of Washington county, and often to go through Hillsboro and Portland to get to St. Helens, their county seat. In justice to

these people the bill should be passed."

—Forest Grove Times. The county seat of Columbia county is in the same place now it was when these settlers went on this land. What right has a few people to settle on a piece of land and then demand that it be taken away from one county and given to another just to satisfy their personal interests? They knew how far they were from St. Helens when they took the land. Columbia county has a large indebtedness, and it is not fair to deprive her of any taxable property while this indebtedness exists. For the benefit of a few it would add to the burdens of the many. In this instance it might be well to repeat that bribes are one of the Times' characteristics, strange as it may seem.

### BETTER COUNTRY ROADS WANTED.

It is decidedly to the interest of farmers to have good country roads, and they would lose nothing if they would impress the legislature with the fact that less speculation and experimental politics, and better highways would advance the business and social interests of Oregon very materially. Bad roads make a farm more or less difficult to reach, and in ratio to the ease and comfort in going to and from it, is its value fixed. The cost of marketing the product of a farm is part of the general cost of production. When the market has to be reached over roads so rough that vehicles and animals are wrenched and torn, to say nothing of the long time consumed, compared to going to and from over hard and smooth roads, the farm, however rich the soil may be, remains at a value much below what it should be as a producer and as investment property, at all times.

But good roads cost money, and a good deal of money, to build, but when once they are up to the standard of good highways, the annual cost of maintenance is small. It is a well known fact that nearly all the roads in Oregon are impassable in the rainy season, and are rough and unsightly in dry weather, and it is a well known fact also, that too many farmers would rather waste \$5 in wear and tear of team and wagon on poor roads than submit to pay \$1 more in taxes to have solid highways the year around.

Industrial development is retarded by bad public highways, and commerce suffers more than most people suppose from the uncertainty of trade distribution and farm produce accumulation at interior points. Doubtless it would surprise many farmers if they knew that the cost to them in time and injury to team and wagon in reaching a station ten miles distant over bad roads, is really greater per bushel of grain than the ordinary charge to a market 500 miles away, but such is the fact. Moreover, when the roads are bad the trade of the country merchant falls off, and shrinkage in his sales are felt in the jobbing centers by the falling off of orders to replenish stocks. In fact, good roads exert a healthy and strong influence in all channels of trade, and everybody from manufacturer to consumer, participates in the advantages.

### SENATORS ELECTED.

George C. Perkins was elected senator from California last week. His principal opponent was M. H. DeYoung of the San Francisco Chronicle.

Governor Nelson was elected from Minnesota to succeed Senator Washburn.

Isaac G. Harris was re-elected from Tennessee.

Steven B. Elkins, republican, was elected from West Virginia.

In Wyoming, Francis E. Warren, long term; Clarence S. Clark, short term; both republicans.

In New Jersey, Will J. Sewell, republican, re-elected.

In Kansas, Lucien Baker, republican, state senator from Leavenworth county, was elected over ex-Senator John J. Ingalls.

In Illinois, Senator Cullom was re-elected by a large majority.

### The Mortgage Tax Law.

THE MIST is pleased to learn that an effort is being made in the legislature to re-enact the mortgage-tax law, and compel foreign money-lenders to pay their just proportion of taxation. The first bill in that line has been introduced by Senator Carter, of Lincoln and Benton. It provides that all mortgages, deeds of trust, contracts, or other obligations whereby land or real property situated in this state is made security for the payment of a debt, together with such debt, shall, for the purpose of assessment and taxation, be deemed and treated as land or real property. All mortgages, deeds of trust, contracts, or other obligations, whereby land or real property is made security for the payment of a debt, together with such debt, shall be assessed and taxed to the owner of such security and debt in the county, city, or district in which the land affected by such security is situated. A debt secured by land or real property situated in no more than one county in this state, shall, for the purpose of taxation, be deemed and considered as indebtedness, and the person owing such debt shall be entitled to deduct the amount actually owing on such debt on the first day of July of each year, as appears on record in his county, from his or their assessment.

### Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Charles Trim, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me, with the necessary vouchers, within six months from the first publication of this notice, at my residence, at Deer Island, Columbia county, Oregon.

GEORGE TRIM.

Administrator of the estate of Charles Trim, deceased. Dated February 1, 1905.

### OREGON'S LEGISLATURE.

#### HOUSE.

Salem, Jan. 25.—The house was called to order by Speaker Moore at 11:30. All the members were present except Coon, Lyle, McCracken, Scott and Templeton. The house proceeded to the second reading of the following bills:

Moore—Repealing the railroad commission; referred to railroads and transportation.

Myers—Protecting fish and game; referred to fish and game committee.

Messages were received from the senate notifying the house of the passage of a resolution for the amendment of the constitution, providing for five judges of the supreme court; also an amendment relative to municipal and school district debts, which were made a special order for Wednesday at 3 P. M.

Templeton's bill creating Clatsop county, was reinstated, read first and second times, and referred to the committee on counties. Dunn's bill relating to counties was also reinstated and read the first time.

The Wallawa county delegation reported favorably the bill for the protection of fish in Wallawa county, and then the second reading of bills was resumed, as follows:

Smith of Fork—Repealing the railroad commission; referred to committee on railroads and transportation.

Patterson—Relating to teachers' certificates; amended by Paxton, adding emergency clause; committee on education.

Leater—For the relief of Clatsop county; claims.

Burke—Relating to assessment and taxation; referred.

Yates—Relating to mileage for sheriff of Benton and Lincoln; all after enacting clause stricken out.

Cleaton—Relating to collection of delinquent taxes.

Jeffrey—Regarding chattel mortgages; judiciary. Relating to town plate; judiciary.

Young—Relating to taxes; assessment and taxation.

Corn—Regarding graded schools at Lakeview; education.

Myers—To protect fish; fisheries.

Moorehead—Regulating justices; judiciary.

Gurtis—Protecting salmon; judiciary.

Dunn—Reimbursing school districts in Jackson county; claims.

Hillgren—Relating to marriage and divorce; public morals.

Cleaton—Relating to confirmation of sale of real property on execution.

Baker—Establishing fees for printing legal notices; printing.

Burke—Regarding the payment of county warrants; assessment and taxation.

Yates—Regarding places of commencing criminal actions; amended so as not to apply to Multnomah county; encouraged bills.

Shutrum—Regarding liens on crops; labor.

Burleigh—Relating to wire fences; agriculture.

#### SENATE.

Carter—Amending act creating county of Lincoln, and attaching to it second judicial district; read second and third times and passed.

Dawson—Appropriating money for relief of Ireta Hutchinson.

Woodard—Preventing the killing or injuring of certain birds, and providing the fine and imprisonment therefor.

Huston—For relief of Washington county for taxes erroneously assessed, amounting to \$9998.

Genner—For the erection of additional buildings for Soldiers' Home and appropriating money therefor.

McAllister—Amending section 2297 fixing salaries of circuit judges.

Denny, by request—Providing for further employment of convicts in penitentiary in manufacture of beet sugar for Oregon Beet Sugar Company.

Stelver—For relief of Gilliam county, by reason of erroneous assessment.

Smith of Clatsop—Amending section 1959 Hill's code, providing for construction of leaders for migrating salmon.

Gowan—To amend section 1754 of criminal code, relating to laborers' liens.

Brownell—For inspection and measure-

ment of logs in Oregon.

Cogswell—Relating to married women's right to deed.

Smith of Clatsop, by request—To provide for selection of circuit judges pro tempore.

McClung—Requiring recorders and clerks to keep receiving books.

Alley—Incorporating town of Florence Lane county, relating to public roads and prohibiting saloons, gambling and bawdy houses; ordered to third reading.

Stewart—To protect salmon in all streams of Oregon and providing for fish commissioner.

Holt—Amending sections of criminal laws of Oregon.

Dawson—To incorporate the city of Albany.

Genner—Authorizing construction of the sewer for the insane asylum.

Vanderberg—To regulate the rights of employers and employees.

Carter introduced a joint memorial, instructing our representatives in congress to use their best efforts to secure an appropriation for removing obstructions in the Upper Willamette river for better navigation.

#### POINTED AND PERTINENT.

Well, well! Mr. Cleveland says he has nothing to conceal concerning his present policy towards Hawaii. That is a huge, indeed. Heretofore it has been his desire to conceal everything.

Certain Nebraskans are becoming very much alarmed at the rapidly lessening distance between being lynched and being lynched.

There is no longer the slightest doubt of the pull of "Andy" Carnes with this administration, when a member of the cabinet openly lobbies against what is objectionable to "Andy."

The Tennessee democrats will find a stolen governorship a very vexatious thing to have on their hands.

Some men can only obtain notoriety by making asses of themselves. Congressmen Jones, of Virginia, and Talbot, of South Carolina, belong to this class.

If Mr. Burns is a wise man he will abandon the idea of coming to America again.

The principal trouble with the case of hope that Congressman Springer has is that it isn't contagious.

Japan is said to be looking on Hawaii with almost greedy eyes. What would the administration do if Japan by force, as it could easily do, there being more than 20,000 Japs residing in Hawaii, took possession?

#### MAYGER ITEMS.

Eggs are plentiful and cheap here at present.

Our friend Robert Crie is quite feeble at present, but we all hope for his early recovery.

Frank Thorp has moved his family back to Mayger after an absence of several months.

Charles Churchill is occupying his new residence. The house is a neat one, and a credit to the place.

The dance at Huffman's was surely a success, judging from the peculiar vibrat ones that greeted the ear.

There is a rumor afloat that one more family in our little burg has been broken up by the aid of an outside gent. It is time such things were stopped.

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